

Recommendation for Council Action

Item ID 16522 40. **Austin City Council** Agenda Number

Public Works 8/2/2012 Meeting Date: Department:

Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in Federal Funds for construction of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Loop 360 at MoPac; amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to appropriate \$2,000,000; and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20110912-006) to transfer in and appropriate \$2,000,000 from the Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Loop 360 at MoPac.

Amount and Source of Funding

The total grant amount of \$2,000,000 will be provided by TXDOT. The required \$500,000 local match is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is attached. Purchasing Language: June 11, 2009, Council approved the Bicycle Master Plan. **Prior Council Action:** Annick Beaudet, 974-6505; Chad Crager, 974-3570; Susan Garnett, 974-7064 For More Information: Boards and **Commission Action:** MBE / WBE:

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The purpose of this Advance Funding Agreement is to accept funds to construct Phase I of the Mopac Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge; a grade separated structure over Loop 360 between Tuscan Terrace and the Twin Falls Barton Creek Greenbelt Access (all 3 phases are shown on the project map). This project will connect directly to Phase II of the Mopac Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge project which includes the conversion of an existing shoulder on Mopac to a southbound auxiliary lane (between the Loop 360 entrance ramp and the Southwest Parkway exit ramp) and the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Barton Creek at Mopac. This project will provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodation for users of all abilities and contribute to the creation of a multi-modal connection from southwest Austin to downtown Austin.

This project is managed by the Public Works Department.